

## NEWS AND NOTES

### **National Librarian appointed**

The appointment by the State Services Commission of Mr G. T. Alley to the position of National Librarian was announced by the Prime Minister on 19 March. Mr Alley, the senior State librarian, joined the Public Service in 1937 as officer in charge of the Country Library Service and on its reorganisation in 1945 became Director of the National Library Service.

### **Future of training course**

Council at its February meeting formally accepted the offer of the National Library Service to take over the N.Z.L.A. Training Course. Council placed on record its opinion that such action should not prejudice negotiations with the Victoria University of Wellington for the transfer of the Library School to the University, and asked that the Library School should discuss details of the course with the Education Committee.

### **Associateships registered**

The following names have been added to the Register of Associates of the N.Z.L.A.: Mrs D. W. Freed, Miss E. J. Hill, M. T. Hornsby, B. K. McKeon, A. A. St. C. M. Murray-Oliver, Mrs U. G. Smith, Miss C. O. Troup and Mrs I. M. Winchester.

### **Extension of N.Z.L.A. Training Course to South Pacific**

A special subcommittee of the Education Committee was set up last year to investigate the admission of students from the islands of the South Pacific to the N.Z.L.A. Training Course. The subcommittee report was considered by Council in February and it has been decided to admit library assistants from Niue, the Cook Islands, Samoa, Fiji and Tonga who can pass the Preliminary Examination, and to tutor them for Part I of the course. Council has further resolved to inform the Department of Island Territories and the South Pacific Commission of the availability of tutoring and to ask the two authorities to provide finance for students to come to New Zealand for in-service training and for Part II of the Training Course at the Library School in Wellington. Although it has been agreed that certificates could be awarded only to those who complete both Parts of the course at a New Zealand standard, consideration is being given to some lower level of qualification for those unable to come to New Zealand.

### **Library Studentships awarded**

The National Library Service has awarded six Studentships to students attending university who propose to take the Library School Professional Course on the completion of a degree. Details of the Studentships are given in brief in the November 1963 issue of *NEW*